1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 CASE NO. C23-0402JLR GS HOLISTIC, LLC, 10 Plaintiff, **ORDER** 11 v. 12 JANGPYUNG, LLC, et al., 13 Defendants. 14 15 I. INTRODUCTION 16 Before the court is Plaintiff GS Holistic, LLC's ("GS Holistic") motion for entry of default judgment against Defendants Jangpyung, LLC d/b/a I Vape ("I Vape") and 17 Sung Mo Yim (together, "Defendants"). (Mot. (Dkt. # 15); see Prop. Judgment (Dkt. 18 19 # 15-3).) Neither Defendant has appeared in this action, and the Clerk has entered default 20 against both Defendants. (See Dkt.; 6/15/23 Entry of Default (Dkt. # 10); 12/1/23 Entry

of Default (Dkt. #13).) The court has considered GS Holistic's motion, the materials it

submitted in support of its motion, the relevant portions of the record, and the governing

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law. Being fully advised, the court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part GS Holistic's motion for entry of default judgment.

II. BACKGROUND

GS Holistic is a Delaware limited liability corporation ("LLC") that has its principal place of business in California. (Compl. (Dkt. # 1) \P 4.) It alleges that it is the registered owner of the "G PEN" trademarks, has worked to distinguish the G Pen brand as "the premier manufacturer of vaporizers," and has devoted significant time and resources to promoting and protecting its trademark. (*Id.* ¶¶ 4, 7-9, 16.) In 2016, Grenco Science, Inc. assigned to GS Holistic all rights associated with the G PEN trademark and other trademarks associated with products sold by GS Holistic. (*Id.* ¶ 10.) As a result, GS Holistic is now the owner of 21 registered trademarks—including word marks, standard character marks, and design plus words marks—related to its G Pen products (together, the "G Pen Marks"). (Id. ¶¶ 11(a)-(u).) GS Holistic asserts that consumers are willing to pay more for "the recognized quality and innovation associated with the G Pen Marks." (Id. ¶ 20.) Thus, genuine G Pen brand vaporizers are priced between \$70.00 and \$250.00 while equivalent non-G Pen products usually sell for between \$11.00 and \$20.00. (*Id.*)

Defendant I Vape is a Washington LLC that has its principal place of business in Washington. (Id. ¶ 5.) Defendant Sung Mo Yim is a resident and citizen of Washington and is the owner of I Vape. (Id. ¶¶ 6, 21, 23.) GS Holistic alleges that Defendants have

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¹ GS Holistic uses the terms "G Pen Marks" and "G Pen Trademarks" interchangeably in its complaint. (*See generally* Compl.) The court uses the term "G Pen Marks" in this order.

offered for sale counterfeit goods bearing "reproductions, counterfeits, copies and/or colorable imitations of one or more" of the following four G Pen Marks: (a) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,390,645 "for the standard character mark 'G Pen' in association with goods further identified in the registration in international class 010"; (b) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,470,963, "for the standard character mark 'Grenco Science' in association with goods further identified in the registration in international class 010"; (c) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,616,071 "for the standard character mark 'Grenco' in association with goods further identified in the registration in international class 010"; and (d) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,466,586 "for the word mark 'G' and its logo in association with goods further identified in the registration in international class 010" (together, the "Infringing Marks"). (Id. ¶¶ 25(a)-(d); see Mot., Ex. A (copies of registration information regarding these and other trademarks).) On December 7, 2022, according to GS Holistic, its investigator visited I Vape's location; observed that the shop had "an excess of vaporizers" that displayed the G Pen Marks; purchased "a G Pro Vaporizer with a G Pen Mark affixed to it" for \$38.59; and determined the vaporizer "was a [c]ounterfeit product in that it displayed the Infringing Marks." (Compl. ¶ 29.) GS Holistic filed its complaint on March 16, 2023. (Id. at 1.) It alleges claims under the Lanham Act against both Defendants for counterfeiting and trademark infringement in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1114 and for false designation of origin and unfair competition in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a). (Id. ¶¶ 51-67.) Among other relief, it seeks damages, costs of suit, a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants

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from continuing to infringe its G Pen trademarks, and an order requiring Defendants to deliver all infringing products to GS Holistic for destruction. (*Id.* at 15-16.)

GS Holistic served I Vape on May 2, 2023, and Sung Mo Yim on June 25, 2023. (*See* Service Affs. (Dkt. ## 6, 11).) The Clerk entered default against I Vape on June 15, 2023, and against Sung Mo Yim on December 1, 2023. (6/15/23 Entry of Default; 12/1/23 Entry of Default.) GS Holistic filed this motion for entry of default judgment on December 19, 2023. (Mot.)

III. ANALYSIS

Below, the court sets forth the relevant legal standard and then evaluates GS Holistic's motion for entry of default judgment.

A. Legal Standard

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b)(2) authorizes the court to enter default judgment against a defaulting defendant upon the plaintiff's motion. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a), (b)(2). After default is entered, well-pleaded factual allegations in the complaint, except those related to damages, are considered admitted and are sufficient to establish a defendant's liability. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987) (citing *Geddes v. United Fin. Grp.*, 559 F.2d 557, 560 (9th Cir. 1977)).

Entry of default judgment is left to the court's sound discretion. *Aldabe v. Aldabe*, 616 F.2d 1089, 1092 (9th Cir. 1980). In exercising its discretion, the court considers seven factors (the "*Eitel* factors"): (1) the possibility of prejudice to the plaintiff if relief is denied; (2) the substantive merits of the plaintiff's claims; (3) the sufficiency of the claims raised in the complaint; (4) the sum of money at stake in relationship to the

defendant's behavior; (5) the possibility of a dispute concerning material facts;

(6) whether default was due to excusable neglect; and (7) the preference for decisions on the merits when reasonably possible. *Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1471-72 (9th Cir. 1986). After the court determines that default judgment is appropriate, it must then determine the amount and character of the relief that should be awarded. *See TeleVideo*, 826 F.2d at 917-18.

B. Whether the *Eitel* Factors Favor Default Judgment

The court preliminarily determines that default judgment is warranted in this case because, on balance, the *Eitel* factors weigh in favor of such judgment. The court discusses each factor in turn.

1. Possibility of Prejudice to Plaintiff

The first *Eitel* factor considers whether the plaintiff will suffer prejudice if default judgment is not entered. *See PepsiCo, Inc., v. Cal. Sec. Cans*, 238 F. Supp. 2d 1172, 1177 (C.D. Cal. 2002). Without default judgment, GS Holistic will suffer prejudice because it will "be denied the right to judicial resolution" of its claims and will be "without other recourse for recovery." *Elektra Entm't Grp. Inc. v. Crawford*, 226 F.R.D. 388, 392 (C.D. Cal. 2005). Thus, the first *Eitel* factor weighs in favor of entering default judgment.

2. Substantive Merits and Sufficiency of the Complaint

The second and third *Eitel* factors—the substantive merits of the plaintiff's claim and the sufficiency of the plaintiff's complaint—are frequently analyzed together.

PepsiCo, 238 F. Supp. 2d at 1175. For these two factors to weigh in favor of default

1	judgment, the complaint's allegations must be sufficient to state a claim for relief.
2	Danning v. Lavine, 572 F.2d 1386, 1388 (9th Cir. 1978). A complaint satisfies this
3	standard when it "contain[s] sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a claim to
4	relief that is plausible on its face." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (quoting
5	Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S 544, 570 (2007)). At the default judgment stage, the
6	court "must take the well-pleaded factual allegations [in the complaint] as true" but
7	"necessary facts not contained in the pleadings, and claims which are legally insufficient,
8	are not established by default." Cripps v. Life Ins. Co. of N. Am., 980 F.2d 1261, 1267
9	(9th Cir. 1992).
10	GS Holistic alleges claims for trademark counterfeiting and infringement under 15
11	U.S.C. § 1114 and false designation of origin and unfair competition under 15 U.S.C.
12	§ 1125(a). (Compl. ¶¶ 51-67.) The court reviews each in turn.
13	a. Trademark Counterfeiting and Infringement
14	To prove liability for trademark infringement, the trademark holder must
15	demonstrate: (1) "ownership of a valid mark (i.e., a protectable interest)"; and (2) the
16	alleged infringer's use of the mark "is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to
17	deceive" consumers. Reno Air Racing Ass'n., v. McCord, 452 F.3d 1126, 1134 (9th Cir.
18	2006) (quoting KP Permanent Make-Up, Inc. v. Lasting Impression I, Inc., 408 F.3d 596,
19	602 (9th Cir. 2005)).
20	First, GS Holistic has provided uncontested proof that it is the owner of the G Pen
21	Marks. (See generally Mot., Ex. A. See also Compl. ¶ 4 ("GS [Holistic] is the registered
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owner of the 'G PEN' trademarks.").) Thus, GS Holistic has satisfied the first element of trademark infringement for the purpose of default judgment.

Second, "[1]ikelihood of confusion exists when consumers viewing the mark would probably assume that the goods it represents are associated with the source of a different product identified by a similar mark." KP Permanent Make-Up, 408 F.3d at 608. Courts generally evaluate eight factors to determine whether confusion is likely: "1) the strength of the mark; 2) proximity or relatedness of the goods; 3) the similarity of the marks; 4) evidence of actual confusion; 5) the marketing channels used; 6) the degree of care customers are likely to exercise in purchasing the goods; 7) the defendant's intent in selecting the mark; and 8) the likelihood of expansion into other markets." *Id.* Where a defendant uses a counterfeit mark, however, courts both within and outside the Ninth Circuit presume a likelihood of consumer confusion. See Coach, Inc. v. Pegasus Theater Shops, No. C12-1631MJP, 2013 WL 5406220, at *3 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 25, 2013) (compiling cases); see also Fendi Adele S.R.L. v. Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp., 689 F. Supp. 2d 585, 597 (S.D.N.Y. 2010) ("To find a likelihood of confusion, a court need only determine that the items at issue are counterfeit and that the defendant distributed, offered for sale, or sold the items."). The Lanham Act defines a "counterfeit" as "a spurious mark which is identical with, or substantially indistinguishable from, a registered mark." 15 U.S.C. § 1127.

Here, GS Holistic alleges that its investigator purchased a vaporizer with a G Pen Mark "affixed" to it and determined that it was a counterfeit product that displayed the "the Infringing Marks." (Compl. ¶ 29.) GS Holistic further alleges that the "Infringing

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Marks" are "reproductions, counterfeits, copies and/or colorable imitations of one or more" of a subset of four G Pen Marks. (*Id.* ¶ 25.) Accordingly, the court concludes that GS Holistic has sufficiently alleged that Defendants sold a product bearing a counterfeit mark and, as a result, there is a presumption of consumer confusion. *See Coach, Inc.*, 2013 WL 5406220, at *3. Thus, because GS Holistic has demonstrated that it owns a valid mark and that Defendants' use of the mark is likely to cause consumer confusion, the court concludes that GS Holistic has sufficiently alleged its trademark counterfeiting and infringement claim.

b. False Designation of Origin

To show liability for false designation of origin, the plaintiff must show that the defendant "(1) use[d] in commerce (2) any word, false designation of origin, false or misleading description, or representation of fact, which (3) is likely to cause confusion or misrepresents the characteristics of his or another person's goods or services." *Freecycle Network, Inc. v. Oey*, 505 F.3d 898, 902 (9th Cir. 2007). As to the first two elements, GS Holistic alleges that Defendants sold (and thus, used in commerce) at least one vaporizer bearing at least one of the Infringing Marks. (Compl. ¶¶ 28-29.) And the court concluded above that GS Holistic has plausibly alleged a likelihood of confusion resulting from Defendants' use of the Infringing Marks. Accordingly, GS Holistic has stated a false designation of origin claim.

Because GS Holistic has demonstrated that its claims have substantive merit and that it has sufficiently alleged those claims in its complaint, the court concludes that the second and third *Eitel* factors weigh in favor of default judgment.

3. Sum of Money at Stake

Under the fourth *Eitel* factor, "the court must consider the amount of money at stake in relation to the seriousness of the [d]efendant's conduct." *PepsiCo*, 238 F. Supp. 2d at 1176. Here, GS Holistic seeks (1) \$200,000 in statutory damages—\$50,000 per Infringing Mark—for willful trademark counterfeiting under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c)(2) and (2) costs in the amount of \$855.59. (*See* Mot. at 13.) The court concludes that the requested statutory damages and costs are not so unreasonable in relation to the conduct alleged in the complaint as to weigh against entry of default judgment.

<u>4.</u> Possibility of a Dispute over Material Facts

"The fifth *Eitel* factor considers the possibility of dispute as to any material facts in the case." *PepsiCo*, 238 F. Supp. 2d at 1177. Where, as here, the defendant has defaulted, the court must take all well-pleaded allegations in the complaint as true, except those related to damages. *TeleVideo*, 826 F.2d at 917-18; see also Wecosign, Inc. v. IFG Holdings, Inc., 845 F. Supp. 2d 1072, 1082 (C.D. Cal. 2012) ("Where a plaintiff has filed a well-pleaded complaint, the possibility of dispute concerning material facts is remote."). Thus, the court concludes there is little risk of dispute over material facts and the fifth *Eitel* factor weighs in favor of granting default judgment.

<u>5.</u> Excusable Neglect

The sixth *Eitel* factor considers the possibility that the defendant's default resulted from excusable neglect. *PepsiCo*, 238 F. Supp. 2d at 1177. Here, GS Holistic has provided evidence that Defendants were served (*see* Service Affs.), and there is no evidence in the record that Defendants' failure to answer or respond is the result of

excusable neglect. Accordingly, the court concludes that the sixth *Eitel* factor weighs in favor of default judgment.

6. Policy Favoring Decisions on the Merits

"Cases should be decided upon their merits whenever reasonably possible." *Eitel*, 782 F.2d at 1472. Where, as here, a defendant fails to appear or defend itself in action, however, the policy favoring decisions on the merits is not dispositive. *PepsiCo*, 238 F. Supp. 2d at 1177. Therefore, the court concludes that the seventh *Eitel* factor does not preclude entry of default judgment.

In sum, because the *Eitel* factors weigh in favor of default judgment, the court concludes that entry of default judgment is warranted in favor of GS Holistic on its claims against Defendants.

C. Requested Relief

The court now turns to the issue of remedies. "A default judgment must not differ in kind from, or exceed in amount, what is demanded in the [complaint]." Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(c); see Fong v. United States, 300 F.2d 400, 413 (9th Cir. 1962). Defaulting defendants are not deemed to have admitted the facts alleged in the complaint concerning the amount of damages. TeleVideo, 826 F.2d at 917. Rather, the plaintiff "must 'prove up' the amount of damages that it is claiming." Philip Morris USA, Inc. v. Castworld Prod., Inc., 219 F.R.D. 494, 501 (C.D. Cal. 2003); see also Local Rules W.D. Wash.

LCR 55(b)(2).² By analogy, plaintiffs must also "prove up" their entitlement to other 1 2 forms of relief, such as a permanent injunction. See Gucci Am., Inc. v. Tyrrell–Miller, 3 678 F. Supp. 2d 117, 120-21 (S.D.N.Y. 2008). 4 GS Holistic requests statutory damages, litigation costs, injunctive relief, and 5 destruction of the infringing products. (See Mot. at 12-14.) The court considers each 6 remedy below. 7 1. Statutory Damages 8 Under the Lanham Act, a plaintiff may elect whether to recover its actual damages 9 caused by the defendants' use of a counterfeit mark or statutory damages. 15 U.S.C. 10 § 1117(c). GS Holistic has elected to seek statutory damages. (Mot. at 12-13; see 11 Compl. at 15-16 (including statutory damages in its prayer for relief).) 12 The court has discretion to award statutory damages between \$1,000 and \$200,000 13 "per counterfeit mark per type of goods or services sold, offered for sale, or distributed, 14 as the court considers just." 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c)(1). If, however, the court finds that the 15 trademark violation was willful, it may award up to \$2,000,000 for each infringement. Id. § 1117(c)(2). "[S]tatutory damages may compensate the victim, penalize the 16 17 ² This court's Local Civil Rules require plaintiffs to support a motion for default 18 judgment with: a declaration and other evidence establishing [the] plaintiff's entitlement to a sum 19 certain and to any nonmonetary relief sought. [The] [p]laintiff shall provide a concise explanation of how all amounts were calculated, and shall support this 20 explanation with evidence establishing the entitlement to and amount of the principal claim, and, if applicable, any liquidated damages, interest, attorney's fees, 21 or other amounts sought[.] 22 Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 55(b)(2).

wrongdoer, deter future wrongdoing, or serve all those purposes." Y.Y.G.M. SA v. Redbubble, Inc., 75 F.4th 995, 1008 (9th Cir. 2023) (citing Nintendo of Am., Inc. v. Dragon Pac. Int'l, 40 F.3d 1007, 1011 (9th Cir. 1994)). When determining the appropriate amount of statutory damages to award on default judgment, courts consider whether the amount bears a "plausible relationship to [the p]laintiff's actual damages." Yelp Inc. v. Catron, 70 F. Supp. 3d 1082, 1102 (N.D. Cal. 2014) (quoting Adobe Sys., Inc. v. Tilley, No. C 09-1085 PJH, 2010 WL 309249, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 19, 2010)). That is, although a plaintiff in a trademark infringement suit is entitled to damages that will compensate and serve as a deterrent, "it is not entitled to a windfall." *Id*. GS Holistic requests statutory damages of \$50,000 for each of the Infringing Marks, for a total of \$200,000. (Mot. at 12-13.) GS Holistic's evidence of its actual damages caused by Defendants' trademark violations, however, is limited to allegations that its investigator observed "an excess of" vaporizers that displayed G Pen Marks and purchased a single vaporizer with an unspecified Infringing Mark "affixed to it" for \$38.59. (See Compl. ¶ 29; see also id. ¶¶ 35, 37-39 (alleging that I Vape sold counterfeit goods "under the Infringing Mark"); id. ¶ 36 (alleging that "[t]he Infringing Mark affixed to the Counterfeit Goods . . . is confusingly identical or similar to the G Pen Marks").) GS Holistic asserts in its motion that the vaporizer bore "four (4) fake G Pen Marks." (Mot. at 10.) Because it did not make this allegation in its complaint, however, that fact has not been established by Defendants' default. (See generally Compl.) GS Holistic also contends that its chief executive officer's declaration establishes that \$200,000 is "only a fraction of the actual losses to its business" caused by counterfeiters. (Mot. at

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12.) That declaration, however, (1) asserts, without explanation, that GS Holistic's 2021 sales would have totaled approximately \$23,250,000 absent counterfeit products in the market and (2) says absolutely nothing about the damages specifically caused by the Defendants in this case. (*See generally* 2d Folkerts Decl. (Dkt. # 17) ¶¶ 8-13.)

The court is sympathetic to the difficulties GS Holistic faces in estimating actual damages with any degree of certainty without the benefit of Defendants' cooperation in discovery. (See Mot. at 12.) Without more evidence, however, the court cannot conclude that an award of \$50,000 in statutory damages for each of the Infringing Marks bears a "plausible relationship" to GS Holistic's actual damages. Yelp Inc., 70 F. Supp. 3d at 1102. Thus, because GS Holistic alleges only that the vaporizer its investigator purchased had "a G Pen Mark affixed to it" (Compl. ¶ 29), the court concludes that GS Holistic is entitled to statutory damages based on Defendants' conduct with respect to only one trademark. The court further concludes, in its discretion, that an award of \$2,000 for one trademark violation will serve the compensatory, penal, and deterrent purposes of statutory damages without resulting in an undue windfall for GS Holistic. Accordingly, the court awards GS Holistic statutory damages of \$2,000.

<u>2.</u> <u>Litigation Costs</u>

Under the Lanham Act, a plaintiff who establishes that a defendant has violated a trademark "shall be entitled, . . . subject to the principles of equity, to recover . . . the costs of the action." 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a). Here, GS Holistic seeks costs in the total amount of \$854.97, consisting of the filing fee (\$402.00), its process server fees (\$380.00), and its investigator's fees (\$103.59). (Mot. at 13 (citing Harris Decl. (Dkt.

18) ¶ 6); see Compl. at 15-16 (including costs of suit in the prayer for relief).) The court awards GS Holistic its filing fee and process server fees because these are costs that are routinely awarded in Lanham Act cases. GS Holistic has not, however, cited any authority for the proposition that its investigator's fees are recognized "costs of the action" under the Lanham Act. (See generally Mot.) Therefore, the court awards GS Holistic costs in the amount of \$782.00.

3. Injunctive Relief

The Lanham Act empowers courts "to grant injunctions, according to the principles of equity and upon such terms as the court may deem reasonable, to prevent the violation of any right of the registrant of a mark." 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a).

According to well-established principles of equity, a plaintiff seeking a permanent injunction must satisfy a four-factor test before a court may grant such relief. A plaintiff must demonstrate: (1) that it has suffered an irreparable injury; (2) that remedies available at law, such as monetary damages, are inadequate to compensate for that injury; (3) that, considering the balance of hardships between the plaintiff and defendant, a remedy in equity is warranted; and (4) that the public interest would not be disserved by a permanent injunction.

eBay Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C., 547 U.S. 388, 391 (2006) (interpreting similar language in considering a motion for permanent injunctive relief under the Patent Act). The Lanham Act provides, in the case of a motion for a permanent injunction, that a "plaintiff seeking any such injunction shall be entitled to a rebuttable presumption of irreparable harm upon a finding of a [trademark] violation." 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a).

GS Holistic asks the court to enter the following permanent injunction enjoining I Vape, Sung Mo Yim, and their "agents, employees, officers, directors, owners,

representatives, successor companies, related companies, and all persons acting in concert or participation with" them from:

- (a) Import, export, making, manufacture, reproduction, assembly, use, acquisition, purchase, offer, sale, transfer, brokerage, consignment, distribution, storage, shipment, licensing, development, display, delivery, marketing[,] advertising[,] or promotion of the counterfeit G Pen product identified in the complaint and any other unauthorized G Pen product, counterfeit, copy or colorful imitation thereof[; and]
- (b) Assisting, aiding or attempting to assist or aid any other person or entity in performing any of the prohibited activities referred to in Paragraph[] (a) above.

(Mot. at 14; see also Prop. Judgment at 2.)

The court declines to enter the requested permanent injunction. First, GS Holistic argues only that it is entitled to injunctive relief "[b]y the reasons explained in [its] Complaint." (Mot. at 14.) It does not address the factors a court must consider before entering a permanent injunction. (See id.); see eBay Inc., 547 U.S. at 391. Second, the injunction GS Holistic seeks now is broader than the injunction outlined in its complaint, which does not include an injunction against "[a]ssisting, aiding or attempting to assist or aid" others against performing the actions listed in part (a) of the proposed injunction. (Compare Compl. at 15-16, with Prop. Judgment at 2.) Third, although GS Holistic's complaint describes the sale of one counterfeit G Pro Vaporizer displaying one Infringing Mark, it requests a much wider injunction relating to "the counterfeit G Pen product identified in the complaint and any other unauthorized G Pen product, counterfeit, copy or colorful imitation thereof." (Compare Compl. ¶¶ 29, 35-39, with Prop. Judgment at 2.) Finally, "every order granting an injunction" must "describe in reasonable detail—and

not by referring to the complaint or other document—the act or acts restrained or required." Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d). GS Holistic's proposed judgment violates this rule by referring to "the counterfeit G Pen product identified in the complaint." (*See* Prop. Judgment at 2.) For these reasons, the court denies GS Holistic's request for a permanent injunction.

4. Destruction of Infringing Products

Finally, GS Holistic seeks an order directing Defendants, "at their cost, [to] deliver to [GS Holistic] for destruction all products, accessories, labels, signs, prints, packages, wrappers, receptables, advertisements, and other material in their possession, custody or control bearing any of the G Pen Marks." (Mot. at 14; see also Prop. Judgment at 2; Compl. at 16 (including an order for destruction of products in the prayer for relief).)

The Lanham Act authorizes the court to issue an order directing the destruction of articles that infringe upon a trademark. 15 U.S.C. § 1118. Here, however, GS Holistic has not presented any argument or evidence supporting its entitlement to this relief, and—as with its request for a permanent injunction—its request for destruction of any article "bearing any of the G Pen Marks" is not supported by its investigator's purchase of a single vaporizer bearing an unspecified Infringing Mark. (See Mot. at 14; Compl. ¶ 29.) As a result, the court denies GS Holistic's request for an order directing the destruction of allegedly infringing products.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part GS
Holistic's motion for default judgment (Dkt. # 15). Specifically, the court GRANTS GS

1	Holistic's request for entry of default judgment against I Vape and Sung Mo Yim;
2	AWARDS GS Holistic statutory damages in the amount of \$2,000.00 and litigation costs
3	in the amount of \$782.00; and DENIES GS Holistic's requests for entry of a permanent
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